

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1440

Introduced by Assembly Member Baca

February 22, 2005

An act to relating to schools.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1440, as introduced, Baca. School communications networks.

Existing law establishes the School/Law Enforcement Partnership, and requires the partnership to acquire information regarding the availability of no-cost or reduced-cost cellular telephones and services to be provided on a statewide basis to each public school teacher for use as a classroom safety device, and for other purposes, including communicating with parents about the education of a pupil. Existing law, the Nell Soto Parent/Teacher Involvement Program, provides grant awards to a school in which a majority of teachers and parents agree to strengthen the communication between a school and parents as a means of improving pupil academic achievement. Existing law, the Education Technology Grant Program of 2002, provides grant awards to a school district for purposes of implementing and supporting a comprehensive system that effectively uses technology, including electronic networks, to improve academic achievement.

This bill would require the State Department of Education to conduct a review and evaluation of programs that enable schools and parents to form a communications network through the use of specified types of media, and make a report of its findings and recommendations, as specified, no later than August 1, 2006.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The State Department of Education shall
2 conduct a review and evaluation of programs that enable schools
3 and parents to form a communications network through the use
4 of any of the following media:
5 (1) Telephone.
6 (2) Electronic mail.
7 (3) The Internet.
8 (4) Any other medium that is used to facilitate communication
9 between principals, teachers, parents, and pupils.
10 (b) The department shall report its findings and
11 recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor, and shall
12 make its findings and recommendations available on its Web site,
13 no later than August 1, 2006.

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